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MAM'S ART CARAVAN LAUNCHED AT COCONUT GROVE'S BARNYARD

Miami Art Museum, (MAM), South Florida's flagship museum featuring international art of the 20th and 21st centuries, launched its innovative MAM Art Caravan education program, underwritten by Bank of America, at Coconut Grove Cares "The Barnyard" last Friday.

"MAM Art Caravan builds on the success of the museum's Second Saturdays are Free for Families and MAM in the Neighborhood programs. This program brings monthly interactive family art workshops to community centers throughout Miami-Dade County, significantly expanding MAM's contribution to underserved audiences," said Suzanne Delehanty, director of MAM. "We're delighted to partner with Bank of America in expanding the scope and reach of the Museum's engaging educational programs."

As part of the inaugural MAM Art Caravan event, MAM Trustee and Bank of America Senior Vice President, Private Bank Market Executive Diane Ashley presented a \$30,000 check to the Museum to underwrite the program's costs through May of 2006. "Bank of America understands the important stake we have in our neighborhoods and is proud to partner with such organizations as the Miami Art Museum and other non-profits in supporting the Art Caravan Project in our community," said Diane Ashley. "In essence, this is just another way that brings Miami Art Museum and its educational resources out to the community at-large."

Under the guidance of MAM's education staff, participants in "The Barnyard's" after-school program clipped images and pasted them into their own drawings and compositions to create collages. The activity, *Captivating Collage*, was inspired by two MAM exhibitions *Wangechi Mutu - Amazing Grace*, and *Figuratively Speaking: Selections from the Permanent Collection*.

The museum will offer the MAM Art Caravan program at community centers throughout the Miami-Dade area on the fourth Saturday of every month during the school year, except November and December. The next MAM Art Caravan will take place September 24 at the Girl Scouts Fall Rally/Festival at Camp Choe, 11347, SW 160<sup>th</sup> St. MAM Art Caravan will provide Rally participants with the opportunity to form a family or other group from colorful clay. The activity, *Family Clay Formations*, is also based on MAM's *Figuratively Speaking* exhibition. Updated exhibition information can be found at [miamiartmuseum.org](http://miamiartmuseum.org).

For additional information about MAM Art Caravan, please call MAM's Education Office at 305-375-4073.

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